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MAGNETIC FLUID IDENTIFYING  
SENTINEL-LYMPH NODE**Dated:** October 3, 2003

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1. U.S. Patent No. U.S. 6,205,352 B1, dated March 20, 2001, issued to Carroll;

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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,857,463, dated January 12, 1999, issued to Thurston et al.;

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3. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2001-299676, published October 30, 2001 together with an English language abstract;

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/J.B./ 4. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 9-189770, published July 22, 1997 together with an English language abstract;

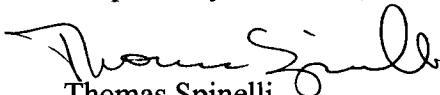
/J.B./ 5. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 10-96782, published April 14, 1998 together with an English language abstract; and

/J.B./ 6. Tanaka, S., et al., "Sentinel Node Biopsy by using High Tc SQUID Sensor", Journal of Japan Biomagnetism and Biomagnetics Society (Special Issue) Vol. 15, No. 1, 2002.

Applicants are submitting copies references 3-6. References 1 and 2 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of references 1 and 3-6 has been described in the specification.

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/J.B./	2001-299676	10/30/2001	Japan			✓	
/J.B./	9-189770	7/22/1997	Japan			✓	
/J.B./	10-96782	4/14/1998	Japan			✓	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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